

**BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
MINUTES**

Regular Monthly Meeting
November 20, 2008
City Council Chambers - City Hall 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Will Anikouchine
Betsy R. Cramer
Frank Kelly
Charles Watson

Staff Present

John Bridley, Waterfront Director
Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager
Scott Riedman, Waterfront Business Manager
Karl Treiberg, Facilities Manager
Mary Adams, Harbor Commission Secretary

Councilmembers Present

None

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Lind from the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network spoke about developing a broad educational outreach program in order to prevent sea bird injuries. She thanked the Waterfront Department and Harbor Patrol for their efforts to reduce interactions and rescue injured seabirds. However, she is working to develop a more comprehensive program involving her organization, Ty Warner Sea Center and the Waterfront Department to teach the public appropriate behavior toward sea birds.

Commissioner Cramer suggested Ms. Lind work with Waterfront staff on this project.

HARBOR COMMISSION MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2008, Harbor Commission meeting. Kelly/Cramer 3-0. Watson Abstained.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2. Department Update

- Council Actions
- Harbor Commission Vacancy

Mr. Bridley mentioned that the Minnow Lease Agreement was the only item pending for the December 18th Harbor Commission meeting. Therefore, the December meeting may be cancelled due to the holidays and lack of sufficient pending items.

3. Business Services Report

- Fiscal Year 2009 Revenue
- Harbor Merchants Association Cooperative Advertising Program
- Stearns Wharf Christmas Tree

4. Facilities Management Report

- Stearns Wharf
 - Wind Wing Demonstration
- Harbor
 - 125 Building Roof
 - Marina One Electrical Fire
 - Federal Channel Dredging

Commissioner Cramer had concerns about potential harm to sea birds from the Wind Wing device. Mr. Treiberg explained that the device was relatively quiet, moves very slowly and he did not feel that it would have an impact on birds. He also reiterated that this was just a demonstration and not a permanent fixture to the wharf.

5. Harbor Operations Report

- Harbor and Seafood Festival Recap
- Winds and Rescues Precede Winter's Arrival
- Replica of the Nina Visits Santa Barbara
- 23rd Annual Parade of Lights—December 7th

NEW BUSINESS

6. Lease Agreement with Santa Barbara Sailing Club

Moved to recommend Council approve a seven-year lease agreement with the Santa Barbara Sailing Club, for a 8,677 square foot boat storage yard at 118 Harbor Way, at a base rent of \$1,443 per month, subject to annual Cost of Living increases. Cramer/Anikouchine 4-0.

7. Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Harbor Commission received staff's Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Karl Treiberg presented information on the facilities portion of the report and Scott Riedman addressed some of the financial impacts. Mr. Riedman emphasized that he was not presenting a budget proposal, but rather cash flow projections to analyze Department's capabilities to implement the CIP.

Commissioners raised concerns about revenue projections due to the economic downturn, suggested spending cutbacks, delaying capital projects that aren't absolutely necessary, working to increase revenues, not increasing parking fees to the point that people stop coming to the waterfront and keeping expenditures within the department's means.

Mr. Bridley stated that due to the uncertain economic times, the City may be going to a one-year budget cycle. This will allow for more flexibility in this economic downturn and give the Waterfront Department an opportunity to re-evaluate and adjust the budget annually. Staff will be coming back to the Commission with a budget proposal in January and it will be reviewed over the next few meetings. Commissioners will have several opportunities to comment and make suggestions during that time.

Moved to approve the proposed Waterfront Department Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2015. Anikouchine/Cramer 3-0. Commissioner Watson had left the room and was unavailable for the vote.

8. Infrastructure Financing Task Force Report and Recommendations

Staff presented an overview of the Infrastructure Financing Taskforce Report together with a working plan and review schedule for Council Finance Committee to evaluate taskforce recommendations.

Commissioners had concerns about the lack of detailed and/or substantive information used within the report to make assumptions and recommendations.

9. Appeal of Termination of Slip 3-S00-4 / April Eriel

Mr. Riedman reviewed details of Ms. Eriel's appeal for the Commission. Ms. Eriel was present at the meeting, but did not add any information to the written material.

Moved to uphold the termination of Slip 3-S00-4 for failure to pay slip fees, and deny the hardship appeal of April Eriel to reinstate the slip permit.

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COMMISSION/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bridley reiterated that staff would evaluate agenda items and vacation schedules to determine if there will be a December meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Anikouchine/Kelly 4-0.